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**Captain Ansel Alfonso Auspland Papers**  
**Inclusive dates 1892-1898**  
**Bulk dates – 1893 to 1895**

by  
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## Abstract

### **Auspland, Ansel Alfonso, *Captain* (b 1853-d 1916)**

Papers, 1892-1898 (Bulk dates: 1893 to 1895)

1 Box (.25 shelf feet)

Master mariner from Searsport, Maine.

Papers relating to the schooner *Banner* and includes correspondence, account invoices, receipts, and bills of lading. There is one personal letter from G. F. Ryan. Papers are sorted into two series : Series I. *Banner* (Schooner) and Series II. Personal

Dealer Dan Fortin exchange December, 1977.

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Finding aid in repository; folder level control.

### **Added Entries—persons**

Auspland, Ansel A., *Captain*

### **Added entries—corporate bodies (including vessels)**

*Banner* (Schooner)

### **Added entries—key terms**

Accounts

Ship captains

Shipping

Ships—Cargo

Wages

### **Acquisition**

The Maine Maritime Museum acquired the papers of Captain Ansel Alfonso Auspland from dealer Dan Fortin in December 1977, as part of an exchange for non-Maine materials.

### **Provenance**

No provenance is known, before Dan Fortin.

### **Restrictions**

There are no restrictions on the use of these materials for study or research.

### **Physical Condition**

The papers have surface dirt, are soiled or discolored and quite acidic. Some have creases or minor tears and fold lines. These papers need to be handled with care.

### **Processing Notes**

The Captain Ansel Alfonso Auspland Papers (MS-40, acc. 77.129.8) contained papers belonging to Captain Charles Smith (acc. no. 77.129.9) and Captain Libbeus Curtis II (acc. no. 77.129.7). The Smith and Curtis papers were removed from MS-40 and reassigned new manuscript numbers: see MS-502 Capt. Charles Smith Papers and see MS-503 Captain Libbeus Curtis II Papers. Captain Ansel Alfonso Auspland Papers were also reassigned a new manuscript number: MS-501.

The papers were already loosely organized. The arrangement of the manuscripts follows a standardized sequence to simplify access. The material is organized chronologically within each folder.

### **Biographical Notes**

Captain Ansel Alfonso Auspland was born in 1853 in Searsport, Maine to Samuel and Martha Page. He married Annie Wilda (daughter of William and Alice Dwelley Towers). They had two children, Lucy Abiah (born December 21, 1879) and Dellie. Captain Auspland was master of the *Banner* (schooner) 1891, 1893-1894, and 1896-1897. He also commanded the vessels *Oak Grove* (Schooner), *Brunette* (Schooner), and *Amazon* (Schooner). Captain Auspland died on July 10, 1916 in Searsport, Maine. He is buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Searsport.

### **Reference:**

1. Black, Frederick Frasier, compiler. *Searsport Sea Captains*. Searsport, Maine: Penobscot

Marine Museum, 1960.

### Scope and Content Notes

The Captain Ansel Alfonso Auspland papers consist of a single box papers primarily of vessel for the documents for the *Banner* (Schooner). The majority of the papers date 1893 to 1895 and contain correspondence, account invoices, receipts, and bills of lading.

Correspondence includes five shipping business related letters and one personal letter by G. F. Ryan in regards to the captain's "illness." The author of the letter is G. F. Nyan. A reference to a Capt. McDunerugh of the schooner Odell is mentioned in the letter but does not refer to any shipping business.

Invoices and receipts show that Captain Auspland voyaged to Searsport, Belfast, Rockland and Bangor in the *Banner* (Schooner).

### Description of Collection

#### Series I. *Banner* (Schooner)

**Subseries IA. Correspondence** (1892-1897): All incoming letters pertaining to shipping business.

**Subseries IB. Accounts** (1893-1898): Accounts are invoices, receipts, and bills of lading relating to the *Banner* (Schooner) with Captain Auspland as shipmaster.

#### Series II. Personal Papers

**Correspondence (no year).** One letter address to the Captain as Friend Ansell from G. F. Ryan.

### Captain Ansel Alfonso Auspland Collection Container List

#### Box# Folder #

#### Series I. *Banner* (Schooner)

##### Subseries IA. Correspondence

1 1 Correspondence, 1892, 1894, 1895, 1897

##### Subseries IB. Accounts

2 Receipts and invoices, 1893-1894

3 Receipts and invoices, 1895-1898

4 Bills of lading, 1893-1895

#### Series II. Personal Papers

5 Letter from G. F. Ryan, Dec. 20 (no year)